

Cheverly

NEWSLETTER

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Town Offices and Community Center

6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD 20785-3197

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301-773-8360

FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
by Mayor Laila Riaz

Call 301-789-8009 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

Mayor's Corner

Hello Cheverly Neighbors and Friends—your community needs your commitment!

COVID-19—It's Critical that we ACT NOW!
EVERYONE make EVERY EFFORT to STAY HOME!

If you **MUST** go out, please practice social distancing by maintaining at least six (6) to eight (8) feet between you and others (outside of those who live with you).

If you fail to follow these guidelines, if you decide for others that this isn't serious or that you're "tough enough," you don't just put yourself at risk, you unnecessarily place your neighbors who, as essential employees, are stepping through their fear to serve us at a much greater risk! Every avoidable case of COVID-19 takes testing and health care resources away from those who need to be at the frontlines right now—to treat those who are ill, staff our grocery stores, run transportation, deliver supplies, and more.

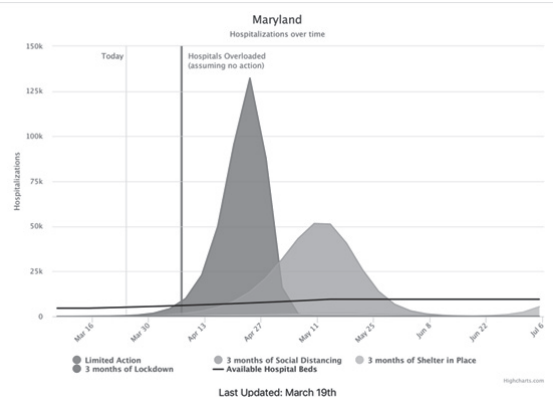
Be aware that the risk of getting very sick and dying of COVID-19 is greater for seniors than for people of other ages. Other risk factors include conditions that suppress the immune system or that cause weakened lungs or other organs.

Why take these actions? Because flattening the curve is a deadly serious need!

Consider this model:

Although these restrictions may feel stifling, they are essential if we are to "flatten the curve" of COVID-19. Flattening the curve refers to taking actions to lower the rate at which people become infected with COVID-19. Without lowering this rate, our healthcare system will quickly become overwhelmed. People who would otherwise have a chance to recover from COVID-19 will die, due to a lack of adequate medical care.

"Created by a team of data scientists, engineers, and designers in partnership with epidemiologists, public health officials, and political leaders to help understand how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect their region." <https://www.covidactnow.org/state/MD>



If we take the need to stay at home as much as possible seriously and commit to social distancing when we must go out, we can slow down the rate by which people contract the disease. Doing this may not reduce the total number of those who fall ill, but it will reduce the number of people who die for lack of adequate medical care and lack of equipment and supplies.

There is no longer a question that COVID-19 poses a serious threat to public health. COVID-19 has been declared a Global Pandemic and both the State of Maryland and Prince George's County are continuing to operate under a State of Emergency.

The Novel Coronavirus is spread between people in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. The virus can also spread through contact with contaminated surfaces, as the virus can remain active on surfaces for hours and even days (depending upon environmental conditions).

Will I still hear from the Town?

As we navigate what it means to have the Novel (meaning new) Coronavirus in our communities, our Town will continue to share well-sourced and reliable information with community. As your local government, we owe it to you to be transparent, communicative, and responsive to the greatest extent possible. If you are not already receiving messages directly through News and Announcements, you can sign up at www.cheverly-md.gov/subscribe.

At the March 12 Town Meeting, Mayor and Council Town passed an emergency ordinance supporting continuity of operations, allowing for changes in service delivery as conditions warrant, supporting community and staff health, and providing economic support for our staff. Under this ordinance, the Town has made some important changes in order to respond to evolving conditions and to fulfill the Town's commitment to serving the community as best as possible through this challenging time.

- Although our buildings are closed to the public, the Town continues to serve.
- You can continue to call the and email the Town with questions and for guidance/support.
- Our staff will continue to be paid—this is a clear commitment.
- Town Meetings and Mayor and Council Worksessions will continue via video/audio conferencing and public viewing and participation will be supported by video and voice.
- At this time, the Cheverly Police Department is continuing to provide 24/7 coverage, suspended all late fees for fines and developed online reporting for certain situations.
- Public Works has altered their shifts and workplans to support extreme social distancing and to allow sufficient time/distance from surfaces between Public Works shifts. This means that the Town has suspended bulk trash service and moved to once-a-week trash pickup, while still maintaining yard waste and recycling support. All other regular park and support services are suspended. The goal is to be able to continue critical Town services--trash being the greatest
- All playgrounds, fields, and courts are temporarily closed. We support enjoying the outdoors, and our trails remain open for use while maintaining social distancing of at least 6 to 8 feet.
- Maryland's April 28, 2020 primary is postponed to June 2, 2020.
- Non-essential businesses have been ordered to close, and restaurants and pubs can only serve for carryout and delivery (no seating/dining in).
- Public transportation is for essential travel only and service will be further constrained with limited bus routes, additional Metro station closures, and increased delays between trains.

As a resident, you have important protections during the State of Emergency in Maryland.

- Utilities: electric, gas, water, sewage, phone, cable TV, and internet service providers are prohibited from shutting off residential service, or charging residential late fees.
- Maryland courts are prohibited from moving forward with a foreclosure or ordering the eviction of any tenant who can show that their failure to pay rent was the results of COVID-19 or because they are diagnosed with, or under investigation for, COVID-19.
- All licenses (including driver's licenses), permits, registrations, and other authorizations that would expire are extended under the Governor's order.
- There is no waiting period to file for unemployment in Maryland, and you can file for full or partial unemployment for a number of COVID-19 related reasons. Businesses are also eligible for CIVID-19 assistance
- The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange is establishing a special enrollment period through Maryland Health Connection specifically for the coronavirus.

More information on many of these topics can be accessed through <https://governor.maryland.gov/marylandunites>

Now is one of those times when I am most proud to call our community home. We have an incredible capacity to be kind and patient with each other, to do good. **Let's turn contagion on its head by passing on**

Love, and Kindness, and Support. Compliments, Gratitude and making time to Laugh and be Silly, even in the midst of serious, is what reminds us of why life is beautiful.

Also, **please, let's not forget who we are as we navigate the challenges of COVID-19 within our community.** We cannot allow our fear or judgement to lead us to "other" or blame, or mistreat people who contract COVID-19, are self-isolating to reduce their risk, who wear a mask in public, who have traveled overseas, appear to be of Asian descent, and the list goes on. **We are a close community AND we still need to respect each other's privacy and the inherent dignity of each and every person—most especially in difficult times.**



Have you been counted?!
Complete the 2020 Census, today!



I'm asking you to take 10 minutes *right now* to complete the Census at 2020Census.gov.

I'm serious--I'll wait! Can't find or didn't receive your Census invite in the mail? No worries, just follow the prompts on the website and you'll be fine without any mailers or codes.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the strains it's placing on every aspect of our lives demands that we step up and be counted! Census data is used in resourcing hospitals, forecasting for meal delivery for those over 60, knowing where we need to assign additional assistance funds for families with young children, and more **When we're undercounted, we're underfunded and under-resourced.** So, make completing the 2020 Census a priority and pass the word! **You deserve to be counted and Cheverly's counting on you!**

Connect—text, phone, email, and virtual office hours. As always, and especially during this time, please reach out. I am almost always available by text or call at 202-258-6167 and you can email me at mayor@cheverly-md.gov. I welcome your call and will do my best to address your concerns or get back to you with needed information. I am hosting virtual office hours from (7:30-9:00 pm) via Zoom. If you are ever in a situation where you do not hear back from me, please do reach out again or call the Town office, 301-773-8360, so that I can ensure that we connect. Thank you to those who have started joining us at work sessions and meetings. I encourage your continued involvement by video and phone. It feels good to have community in the room, even if it is virtual.

Be Cheverly connected and Cheverly inspired!

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates are ONGOING

How to get current information

Visit the town of Cheverly website (www.cheverly.gov) for more resources and information regarding COVID-19. Also **please sign up** for the News and Announcements emails.

We are also sharing information via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Cheverly-MD-100731471406679>. To receive our CodeRed notification, subscribe at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF05350699FE>. As always you can contact each department by the phone numbers listed below.

We ask that Town residents be patient regarding these matters and during these unprecedented times while the Town continues to strive to provide the essential function of services for our community.

Thank you for your help and cooperation during this social distancing time. Guidance and recommendations are changing rapidly. We will provide updates as they are provided from state and local health officials. If you need to contact the departments, please see hours of operation and phone numbers below.

Please know, closing the building does not mean closing the Town. Town Staff look forward to serving you!

Town Hall	301.773.8360	Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM
Police Department		
	Emergency 911	
	Non-Emergency 301.352.1200	
Administrative Office	301.341.1055	Monday – Friday, 9AM - 5 PM Saturdays, 8 AM - 4 PM
Public Works	301.773.2666	Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM - 4 PM

Meeting Agendas are updated on the website: www.cheverly-md.gov and virtual meeting information will be posted online in News & Announcements. If you have questions, please call the Town Hall.

Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35. Re-broadcast everyday at 12:00 noon, 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

Votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted

ACTIONS TAKEN

Town Meeting- March 12

CM= Council Member

- ☐ Motion CM Fry for Town Administrator to sign contract with Excel Tree Services for pruning, removal and stump maintenance. Seconded CM Munyeneh and unanimously approved.
- ☐ Motion CM Radloff to pass Uncodified Emergency Ordinance 2020-1, which confirms the Town Administrator's authority to take necessary actions to prevent and/or reduce the impact of the outbreak of disease caused by the coronavirus. It also grants paid Administrative Leave to Town Employees. Seconded CM Bryner and unanimously approved.
- ☐ Motion CM Watson to Approve Adopting Planning Board Recommendations. Seconded CM Radloff and unanimously approved.
- First Reader of the Code Compliance Ordinance. It will place Cheverly's Code Enforcement Program under the direct authority of the Town Administrator and renames the program as Cheverly's code Compliance Program.
- ☐ Motion CM Fry to make the Budget Amendment. *Seconded CM Munyeneh* and unanimously approved. This Budget Amendment is to increase spending for Police equipment and training and a Census Grant Line Item.
- ☐ Motion CM Munyeneh Motion to authorize Town Administrator to enter into a contract with the National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line to provide service line warranty program opportunities to the residents of the Town of Cheverly. Seconded CM Fry and unanimously approved.

TA restricts public access to Town Hall, Public Works and the Police Department.

Arbor Day Proclamation – Steve Brayman, Director of Public Works

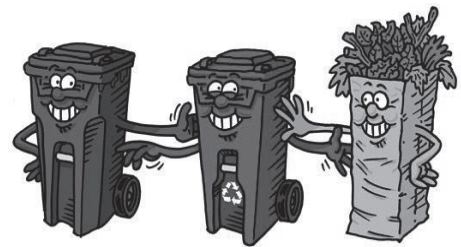
RECYCLING & TRASH TOTALS

February 2020

Curbside Recycling	35.93TNS(\$27 per ton)
Yard Waste	12.34TNS(\$25 per ton)
Refuse	110.75TNS(\$59 per ton)

$\frac{\text{Recycling} + \text{Yard waste}}{\text{diverted from the landfill}}$	$= \frac{48.27}{159.02} = 30.35\%$ Percentage
Total Tonnage	159.02

Total Landfill Tipping Fee Savings for Diverted Materials = \$1,569.32
5 Appliances



Ethics Commission

Meetings will be held at 6:00 pm on the first Wednesday of every other month unless something urgent arises.

Tentatively the next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2020 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

If you need to file a complaint with the Ethics Commission, you may drop it off in person at Town Hall or email it to ethicscomplaints@cheverly-md.gov.



GLADYS NOON SPELLMAN ES
3324 64th Avenue - Cheverly, MD 20785
301-925-1944
BEARing Down on GREATNESS
<https://www1.pgcps.org/gladysnoonspellman/>



Principal - Brandi Smith

Asst. Principal - Michael Grant

Dear Students and Families,

During the statewide school closures, students can pick up breakfast, lunch and a snack at numerous sites throughout the county, including our school. We encourage you to come to the school weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for “grab and go” meals in the cafeteria or parking lot depending on the weather.

Students may pick up all three meals in one visit. Parents and guardians are not required to accompany students. Adults may not pick up meals for children. Student IDs are not required

Estimados estudiantes y familias:

Durante los cierres escolares estatales, los estudiantes pueden recoger desayunos, almuerzos y refrigerios en varios lugares locales en todo el condado, incluida nuestra escuela. Los invitamos a que vengan durante los días escolares, entre las 10 a. m. y la 1 p. m., a la cafetería o en el estacionamiento –si el clima lo permite– a recoger las comidas para llevar. Los estudiantes pueden recoger las tres comidas en una misma visita. No se requiere que los padres y tutores acompañen a los estudiantes. Los adultos no pueden recoger las comidas en nombre de los niños. No se requiere que los estudiantes presenten su identificación estudiantil.

Family Emergency Food Resources

LANDOVER / LARGO	ADDRESS	OPERATIONAL HOURS	CONTACT
Shabach Emergency Empowerment Center	403 Brightseat Rd. Landover, MD 20785	Appt. M-F 10am-3pm	301-322-9593
St. Joseph Catholic Church	2020 St. Joseph dr. Largo, MD 20774	Appt. W&Sa 1pm-2:30pm	301- 773-0102
City of Praise	8501 Jericho City Dr Landover, MD 20785	Tues & Thurs 4:30-6:00 pm	301-404-8234

CAPITOL HEIGHTS			
Freedom Way	1266 Benning Rd, Capitol Heights, MD 20743	W 6pm-8pm	301-736-0184
HYATTSVILLE			
Community Place Café	6201 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, MD 20782	Walk-in M, Tu, Wed, Fri 10am - 2pm	Deborah Commodore 240-486-2711 *Deliver Food
Ager Road Methodist Church (Non-TEFAP)	6301 Ager Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782	Appt. 1st & 3rd Th 9:30 am- 11:15 am	301-422-2132
Church of the Living God (Non-TEFAP)	1417 Chillum Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782	Walk-in Sat 10a-12p	June Muna Mbula 301-559-8893 • Call to confirm
Crossover Church	5340 Baltimore Ave Hyattsville, MD 20781	Appt. Wed & Fri 10am-12pm	301-927-5620
Help-By-Phone (Non-TEFAP)	P.O. Box 324 Riverdale, MD 20738 (mailing address)	Appt. M-Th 9am-5pm; F 9a-12noon	Lois Jones 301-699-4099
SEED Food Dist. Ctr.	5819 E. Pine Dr. Riverdale, MD 20737	Wed 12-3pm	301-458-9808
Metropolitan SDA Food Pantry (Non-TEFAP)	6307 Riggs Road Hyattsville, MD 20783	Every other Wed 3pm-6pm (please call)	Rholda Herbert 301-439-5632; 301-853-2224 (church)
Fountain of Life Food Pantry (Non-TEFAP)	9470 Annapolis Rd Suite #412 Lanham, MD 20706	M-F 9a-5pm (please call)	Ms. Odukoya 301-755-3392
Ebenezer Church of God (Non-TEFAP)	7550 Buchanan St, Hyattsville, MD 20784	Wednesdays 3 - 7pm; Sat. 12 noon - 3pm	Doreen Lambert 301-412-1678

Cheverly's Mass Notification System is here!

CodeRED allows residents to receive emergency alerts via text, email, or phone call. Upon signing up for the service, users can create a Managed Account, which allows the user to create a username and password and control the following:

Types of alerts received:

Emergency Alerts (Mandatory)
General Alerts (Optional)
Weather Alerts (Optional, as provided by the National Weather Service)

Method alerts are received:

Via text message
Via email
Via phone call

Users can also perform a quick signup however, doing so would require the user to call CodeRED's customer service line in order to make any changes to the account.

Users are required to have either a residential or business address, within the Cheverly limits, in order to sign up for an account. The system supports multiple addresses, phone numbers, and emails.

In order to start receiving alerts, residents can sign up using any of the following ways:



By going to the Police Department's website and clicking on

By going to <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF05350699FE>

By scanning the following QR code with your smart phone or tablet:



Anyone who would like assistance signing up for alerts can stop by the Cheverly Police Department, Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 5 PM and 7 PM.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

Police Emergency	9-1-1
Police Non-Emergency	(301) 352-1200
Cheverly Police Headquarters (7am – 7pm Mon-Fri—Sat 8am - 4pm)	(301) 341-1055
Cheverly Photo Enforcement	(240) 770-7641

Crime Report for February 2020

***Note that all addresses are in Hundred Blocks**

2/1/2020	2300	Hrs	2700 Cheverly Ave	Theft from Auto
2/2/2020	0935	Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft (Shoplifting)
2/2/2020	1630	Hrs	2900 Cheverly Oaks Ct	B&E (Residential)
2/2/2020	1714	Hrs	2700 Cheverly	Theft (Bicycle)
2/2/2020	2030	Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Auto Theft
2/4/2020	0457	Hrs	2400 59th Pl	Auto Theft
2/5/2020	1543	Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Assault (Domestic)
2/7/2020	0948	Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Theft (Shoplifting)
2/7/2020	1910	Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Assault (Domestic)
2/8/2020	0325	Hrs	2900 Cheverly Oaks Ct	Auto Theft
2/8/2020	2018	Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Assault (Aggravated)
2/15/2020	1500	Hrs	3500 Cheverly Ave	Theft from Auto
2/17/2020	0000	Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Auto Theft
2/23/2020	0911	Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft (Shoplifting)
2/25/2020	0900	Hrs	5800 Carlyle St	Vandalism
2/25/2020	2040	Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft (Shoplifting)

TEMPORARY TRASH/YARD WASTE/ RECYCLING SCHEDULE

To support public health and safety of residents and employees, as well as further promote social distancing of Town employees, the Town of Cheverly will be temporarily changing trash collection to ONCE per week. Bulk trash pick-up is temporarily suspended until further notice. Yard waste and recycling collection will continue as regularly scheduled at this time. Please note that this change in service is being made to enhance the social distancing of Public Works employees. This is an attempt to protect employees and to allow for the continuation of sanitation collection services.

Effective Monday, March 30, 2020 and Until Further Notice:

Monday -Trash Collection – East Side / Yard Waste – Town-Wide

Tuesday -Trash Collection – West Side

Wednesday - Recycling Collection – Town-Wide

Thursday - No Services

Friday - No Services

The Department of Public Works is focusing on trying to maintain the essential service of sanitation collection and protecting the employees who provide that service. The department will maintain the schedule outlined above until further notice, and for as long as the department can maintain crews for collection. Please understand that the department is working on a skeleton crew and is unable to provide other services at this time.

*Please note that the following services are temporarily suspended until further notice: bulk trash pick-up, appliance pick-up, mulch delivery, tree planting, recycling bin sales, rain barrel sales, compost bin sales, payments for past services, and all other services provided by Public Works.

Report Street Light Problems to Pepco

If you are having any problems with street lights, they are out, blinking on and off, etc..., you can contact Pepco directly. Go to www.pepco.com, go to Outages, and click on Report a Street Light Outage. Then you will be asked for either the address or pole number. It will then come to a map showing the street lights in the area, click on the street light you wish to report, and last they will ask you for some information about the light and your contact information.

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As the winter months have settled in and the “hustle and bustle” of the Holiday season has subsided, we here in the Office of Code Compliance have started looking ahead toward the Spring. Spring is our busiest season and we are starting to layout projects to address issues in the town.

Our Top-most priorities in the town for the Spring are :

- ◆ Litter,
- ◆ Open or Unsightly Storage,
- ◆ Overgrowth of Improved Properties,
- ◆ Obstruction of Streets and Sidewalks,
- ◆ Vacant Homes, and
- ◆ Abandoned Vehicles.

As we move forward with this plan, staff will be, in the coming weeks, working to identify problem areas in the town, notifying the residents of our concerns and working together to address the issues.

As always, we will continue to address all issues related in the property maintenance code and other code as needed.

Residents are encouraged to contact the town at 240-770-7647 to have an inspector drop by to help assess their properties.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS



HOTLINE
301-883-6627

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

1

Avoid close contact

with people who are **sick.**



Cover your cough or sneeze

2

with a tissue, then throw the
tissue in the trash.

3

Avoid

touching your
**eyes, nose,
and mouth.**



4

Clean

& Disinfect



frequently touched
objects and surfaces.



Stay Home!

5

when you are sick,
except to get
medical care.

6

Wash your hands often

with soap and water
**for at least
20 seconds.**



Use alcohol-based
hand sanitizer
with 60% alcohol if soap
and water aren't available.



HEALTH
DEPARTMENT
Prince George's County

Prince
Georges
Proud
SUPPORTS



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive



Message from the Chief
Jarod J. Towers
(policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

One team, One mission, Team Cheverly!

While COVID19 has consumed our televisions, social media feeds, conversations, and daily lives, my message to the community for April is simple. Rest assured that the Cheverly Police Department is committed to doing everything in its power to protect and serve our community.

We have taken many necessary steps to distance ourselves from unreasonable interactions to protect ourselves which in turn protects residents in incidents requiring our presence. As you may have noticed in recent town news and announcements or on social media, we have implemented new ways of ensuring that we provide residents with the great service they have come to expect.

Effective March 21st, we have implemented an online non-emergency reporting system where residents can file police reports for certain crimes. To learn more, visit CheverlyPolice.org and click on the link to file an online police report.

In the event that you call 911 or 301-352-1200 (non-emergency), a call taker will take your information to include your telephone number. In some cases, where an officer's response is not required, you may be asked to file the report over the telephone. Regardless of how your report is filed, officers and/or detectives will conduct thorough investigation as usual.

Cheverly Police Admin Staff Teleworking

Thanks to our amazing staff who had implemented a voice over IP (VOIP) phone system last year, we have been able to seamlessly transition our administrative staff into teleworking to protect non-essential staff from unnecessary risk associated risk that comes with working alongside of first responders.

Fees and Fines

As I mentioned at the last town meeting, all fees associated with vehicle release, and late fees related to fines, subsequent to the state of emergency, have been waived in an effort to alleviate any need to visit the police department and all undue burden to our stakeholders. In the event that any resident experience difficulty with any fees or fines, they should email me directly at policechief@cheverlypolice.org and expect a response directly from me within 48 hours.

TIPS@CheverlyPolice.org

Tips@CheverlyPolice.Org is an email address that residents can use to send non-emergency tips or information to the department. Our investigators are constantly working to investigate criminal cases in which our residents have been victimized. In most cases, leads are obtained with help of residents who reported something that just didn't feel right. If you feel that someone or something is out of place and have information, photographs or video, and just don't want to call, please, send us an email.

Coffee Conference with the Chief

Hearing from and maintaining open communication with our community are two integral pieces to 21st century policing. While we must maintain social distancing, communication remains intact. Please join me by conference call, rather than in-person for coffee, April 15th from 9am to 11am and April 20th from 4pm to 6pm. Residents can join by calling 267-930-4000 and entering participant ID 826 596 536. If you prefer something more private, call the station and we can arrange for a one on one call.

As I have mentioned before, I value community feedback and want you all to know that without it, it is difficult to evaluate our personnel and our department. As always, I can be reached at jtowers@cheverlypolice.org or policechief@cheverly-md.gov.

Community Bulletin Board

In an effort to keep our Town connected during this pandemic we are including upcoming events in this Newsletter. Please note we may need to cancel these events due to ongoing changes and updates with COVID-19.



Cheverly Village

What Hasn't Changed?

Everything seems to have changed for Cheverly Village, as it has for all our town. Last month we were announcing new activities; now the Village has suspended all group gatherings and moved some of our activities online. Instead of driving Village members to appointments, we are making regular check-in calls to our members and providing information about public policies and services. Instead of inviting all town residents to attend Village presentations, we are encouraging all our members and volunteers to help their neighbors to keep safe from Coronavirus.

What hasn't changed is that we are here for each other. As a community and as a Village, we just keep finding new ways to show that.

Call or write Cheverly Village at 240-770-1033 or Village@CheverlyVillage.org.

--Diane La Voy, Co-founder and Executive Director

Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee

**April Monthly Meeting
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020**

7:30-9:30 p.m., Large Conference Room, Cheverly Community Center
6401 Forest Road, Cheverly

Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

All are welcome to join us! Contact sheila.salo@gmail.com for a copy of the meeting agenda.

GREEN @ HOME -- H₂O, Friend and Foe, The Springtime Edition

The Springtime Edition of H₂O, Friend and Foe, a water woes workshop, is coming up on Saturday, April 18th, from 10 AM to noon.

Mitchell Pavao-Zuckerman of the University of Maryland will be talking about water, trees, and the built environment.

Dr. Pavao-Zuckerman teaches in the Department of Environmental Science and Technology and studies urban ecosystems, green infrastructure function, and ecosystem services, investigating how green infrastructure and urban forests provide ecosystem services. He directs the Urban and Built Environment Ecology Lab, which focuses on understanding how humans interact with their environment and affect ecological processes.

At the event you will be able to learn about the water management practices your Cheverly neighbors have already implemented, with a photo display by Dave Kneipp.

Karen Moe, Anna-Marie Hawkins, and Elaine Friebele, together with student groups, have planned a host of activities for the young of all ages.

And that's not all --

If you have missed getting your rain barrel, here's your second chance. Go to www.greencheverly.org to reserve your barrel. Then come to the event to pay for the barrel and take it home. Instructions come with the barrels, and we will have information on how to get a full rebate and more from the county Clean Water Act program. You will pay the town \$57. You will be eligible to get up to \$100 back from the county for your expenses.

Cheverly United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School

**Monday thru Friday
June 22-26**

**6-8 p.m.
5:30 dinner served
all free!!**

Community Bulletin Board

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club mission is to bring women's voices together to create connections in service of the needs of our diverse community.

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. – Gandhi

Each year in April, individuals and organizations celebrate National Volunteer Month to honor the important impact volunteers have in our communities, and to encourage even more people to start volunteering. The Woman's Club sends a great big Thank You to all the volunteers and healthcare workers out there helping!

The Woman's Club is recruiting for members/volunteers to carry forward our vision of a beloved community that each year grows more engaged and invested in celebrating and centering diversity and embracing inclusion. Join the Woman's Club to participate in voting on club business and in deciding club activities. Email cheverlywomen@gmail.com for more information on membership.

Upcoming meetings will be held on Mondays, April 13 and May 11 @ 7:00 p.m. Normally they would be held at the Conference Room at the Community Center. However, due to the COVID-19 virus, the meetings will be held virtually.

Dial-in number (US): (425) 436-6320
Access code: 796406#

April is also National Autism Awareness Month. *Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), which refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism affects an estimated 1 in 59 children in the United States today.* Please visit <https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism> to learn more about Autism.

May is Peace Month in Cheverly.

We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves. Dalai Lama

Please contribute to the May Peace Calendar by submitting your ideas for activities that celebrate peace which can be completed by individuals or small groups that promote peace in our lives, our families, our community and beyond. This will be included in the May newsletter. Contact Joyce Lang, 301-773-2211 or joycelang@verizon.net to submit your suggestions.



From the Cheverly Parent Resource Center (CPRC)!

Prayer for a Pandemic by Cameron Wiggins Belm

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May those who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May those who have the flexibility to care for our children when schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel a trip remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May those who settle for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace to God and our neighbor.

Stay in Touch!

There are lots of ways to stay in touch: follow us on Instagram or on Facebook and/or visit our website.

Do you need to reach us?

We're here for you! Please feel free to reach out to any of the Board members if you have questions about any of our activities or services.

To reach Memberships, please email cprcmembership@gmail.com

To reach all other Board Members, please email cprcpresident@gmail.com.

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Mark your calendars for a JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION, co-sponsored by the Ward 4 Civic Association and the African American Community Organization (CAACO). The event is Saturday, June 20, 2020. There will be a flag raising ceremony at Town Park starting at 3 PM. Immediately following the flag ceremony, we will gather at Boyd Park to resume the Juneteenth celebration activities ending at 7 PM.

The celebration is free and will include dancing, singing, drumming, face painting, pouring of a libation, African storytelling, food vendors and other novel and interesting activities.

What is "Juneteenth" you might ask. It is a celebration of the day (June 19, 1865) that marked the end of chattel slavery in the United States. Even though President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862, it did not affect slave holding states that remained in the Union. The official freeing of ALL slaves in Texas took place in 1865 when a Union general arrived in Galveston, Texas and issued General Order No.3.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO COME OUT AND ENJOY THE CELEBRATION AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!!
JUNE 20, 2020 AT 3 PM**

To pique your interest in this celebration, we have put together an exercise to test your knowledge of black history and culture by identifying individuals who have made and/or are making significant contributions to the life of this nation. Please match up the names of the listed individuals with the appropriate biography.

BIOGRAPHY #1 – I am the 67th Chaplain of the United States Senate, appointed on June 27, 2003, and the first African American to hold this position. (The first Chaplain was appointed in 1789.) I earned three separate Master of Arts degrees in Divinity,

Counseling, and Management. I also hold two earned doctorates: A Doctor of Divinity and PhD in Psychology. Prior to being appointed Chaplain, I had a distinguished career in the United States Military. I was commissioned as a Navy chaplain in 1976. While a Rear Admiral, I was awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and other commendations. In addition to opening the Senate each day in prayer, my duties include counseling and spiritual care for the senators, their families, and their staffs—a combined constituency of 6,000 people. My days are filled with meetings with senators on moral and spiritual issues, as well as assisting senators' staffs with research on theological and biblical questions. I am also a published author.

WHAT IS MY NAME? 1) August Wilson, 2) Barry Black, 3) W. E. Dubois, 4) Charles Drew. Please circle the correct answer.

Cheverly Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

News Release March 22, 2020

The Cheverly CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is working with the Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), providing assistance to various community organizations in response to COVID-19, and helping coordinate resources needed in the Town of Cheverly. We will continue to share pertinent information from the State of Maryland, Prince George's County, and Cheverly town groups through various internet platforms based in Cheverly.

State of Maryland: If you need Maryland-specific information regarding COVID-19, case counts, public health resources, and other health-related information, visit <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/> or <https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus/>.

Senior Call Check: Maryland seniors can register with this program through the Maryland Department of Aging at 866-502-4325, or register online at <https://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/seniorcall-check.aspx>.

Mental Health: The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Information follows about how to cope with mental health and stress and anxiety during this time. Visit Website:

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https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/FAQ_covid19_Maintaining_Mental_Health.pdf?fbclid=IwAR36dHu7_qcAf0_HG947AFh9sems67pPxUTYCywOkxf2_NPZh5IwpfFlu54

Prince George's County:

Coronavirus Hotline: If you have any questions or concerns, please call the **Prince George's County Health Department Coronavirus hotline** at 301-883-6627 between **8:00am and 8:00pm** to receive updated information about coronavirus.

Food Assistance: Those who are in need of emergency food should visit capitalareafoodbank.org for specific locations of Pop-Up Pantries. For other inquiries, please email hungerlifeline@capitalareafoodbank.org or call 202-644-9807.

County Closures: The latest information on closures and service suspensions please visit: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AlertCenter.aspx>

Cheverly:

Food Pantry: Call Help-By-Phone at 301-699-9009 to receive food from the Cheverly United Methodist Church. Let them know you want to receive your food from Cheverly.

Connect Cheverly: If you are an at-risk individual choosing to self-isolate and could use support due to COVID-19, Connect Cheverly offers phone support, grocery/supply delivery, technology advice, and social connection. Please contact them at 301-531-4571, connectcheverly@gmail.com, or visit their website at www.connectcheverly.com.

Elder Watch Program (Cheverly Police

Department): Until further notice, the current Elder Watch protocol has been suspended. The new protocol will require Cheverly police officers to call residents directly. Failure to reach the individual by phone will prompt the officer to call the resident's emergency contact. If you have any questions about this program, call the Cheverly Police Department at 301341-1055.

For any Cheverly CERT questions please contact us at chvcert@gmail.com or 240-303-2447.

Cheverly CERT

The Mission of Cheverly CERT is to provide critical support to the Town of Cheverly and assistance to residents during an emergency. To accomplish this mission, Cheverly CERT has three areas of focus: 1. Providing our members with ongoing training in disaster response, emergency preparedness, leadership, and organizational skills. 2. Educating residents in Cheverly emergency preparedness. 3. Supporting the Cheverly Police Department and related emergency services in the event of a disaster.

Are you looking for a way to support your Cheverly neighbors who need to stay at home (self-isolate) in response to COVID-19?

Our community is pretty extraordinary in the way we come together to serve and support one another, and we can meet the challenges of COVID-19 better together.

Current information from the CDC cautions that older adults and people who have severe chronic medical conditions (like lung, heart, or kidney disease) are at higher risk for serious coronavirus illness. The CDC advises such individuals to take actions to reduce their risk of exposure, including staying home as much as possible and reaching out for support.

Cheverly community groups and individual volunteers are coming together to organize efforts to support at-risk individuals seeking to stay at home by offering:

1. phone support,
2. grocery/supply delivery,
3. technology advice,
4. and social connection.

Please reach out if you could use support, are open to planning and volunteering, or would like to donate non-perishables or funds!

Here in Cheverly, this is what community does for each other.

www.connectcheverly.com
connectcheverly@gmail.com
301-531-4571

**St. Ambrose Catholic School
is currently accepting applications for
grades PK4 through 7**

"Please join the Facebook group **One Cheverly**-working to connect a community of many cultures, ethnicities, faiths, and identities. During Covid-19 the group is working to foster a sense of community and be a resource for connectedness and information. We will get through this together!"



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Cheverly Day is May 16, 2020

WATCH THIS SPACE

Cheverly Day is May 16, 2020.

Move to the music of Bob Marley and other reggae artists with The Image Band. This Caribbean music powerhouse will perform from 2:30p-3:40p.

Did you know that all the Cheverly Day mini-golf holes were designed and built by local residents and town organizations? We could use a few more! The Cheverly Day Team has easy-to-follow plans for a basic design. Groups are encouraged to be creative in showcasing your organization or theme.

We are also looking for students for the Face painting booth, which will be open from 2p-6p. Volunteers can receive service hours and should bring their forms to be signed on Cheverly Day.

If you are interested in building a mini-golf hole or volunteering for face painting, contact CheverlyDay@gmail.com.

"The Beauty in our Cheverly Trees" is the theme for the 4th Annual Cheverly Day photo contest. Take a walk around town and photograph Cheverly's trees in their best light – trees with people or buildings, landscapes or just trees. Photos must be framed with the following information on the back: entrant's name, contact info and age category. The categories are: 14 and younger and 15 and older. Please drop entries off at the community center May 11-13, 2020. Judging will be May 14th. Photos will be on display through Cheverly Day. Ribbons will be awarded to top three photos in each category. Maximum two photos per entrant.

Become a fan of the team by liking Cheverly Day on Facebook.



Cheverly Garden Club – welcome to the new normal with gloves, masks, and social distancing. Sunshine and fresh air always helps the mood, so get outside, plant some flowers, and pull some weeds. The Cheverly Garden Club will hold their monthly meeting at Harold Belcher's home on April 20th at 7:00 pm. Send an e-mail for directions if you would like to attend – cheverlygardenclub@verizon.net. The club is still organizing our annual Plant Sale on Sunday,

May 9th at the Town Park pavilion. There will be more information in the May newsletter. After you have seen everything at the National Arboretum, there are plenty of sites area the area worth exploring. Buildings (and restrooms) maybe closed but the gardens are still open. Please check the websites for hours and other information before you go. The sites are: Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens (nps.gov/keaq/index.htm), Glenstone Museum in Potomac – (Glenstone.org), Brookside Gardens (montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/brookside-gardens/) in Wheaton, and Meadowlark Botanical Gardens (novaparks.com/parks/meadowlark-botanical-gardens) in Vienna, Virginia.

Recreation Council



The Cheverly Recreation Council is a proud sponsor of the John Dent Wilson Scholarship. Every year we award three \$500.00 college scholarships.

The Scholarship is judged on a point system criteria with highest points given to volunteering in Cheverly Community activities.

Below are the new/updated requirements for the scholarship.

The deadline for application submissions is May 31, 2020. Please email judydeleon@aol.com for application information.

Must be a full time college freshman in the fall of 2020

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Cheverly American Legion Post 108

The Cheverly American Legion family is a vibrant and growing group of veterans and family who share an interest in supporting veterans, military service members and their families, youth, and our community.

CALLING ALL GIRLS IN THEIR JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL —

Girls State (June 21-26) Candidates American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is the premier program for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for your rights as a citizen. The cost is borne by the Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary! Apply online at alamd.org/girls-state.html and fill out the interest form. Or contact us at CheverlyAuxiliary@gmail.com. Deadline for application is April 10, 2020.

Karaoke Nights - Look for the return of karaoke every Thursday evening when the Dugout bar reopens following the social distancing efforts. Karaoke begins at 7:30 p.m. and nearly always goes later than normal Dugout bar hours.

Also look for the return of other fun Dugout bar activities such as Auxiliary Night with special drinks and themes, and future bar bingo and bar trivia nights. The Dugout also now has six beers on draft and will be doing special tasting events with local breweries such as DC BRAU.

Reminder to check most recent information on Facebook or our website. Many events from March and early April are being rescheduled for future dates.

A Salute to Comedy - Thursday, May 21. Hosted by the Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary and raising money to support the Armed Services Arts Partnership (ASAP), Adults only. \$25. Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 7pm. For more information on this worthwhile project, visit asapasap.org.

Post 108 is supporting our members and veterans during social distancing and quarantine efforts. If you would like to help or need assistance please contact Post 108 via phone or email.

Auxiliary Unit 108 has been active and thriving at every opportunity. In February and early March they collected supplies for MCVET in Baltimore, MD. Come visit and support them at the Garden Club Plant Sale on May 9th while they sell Muffins and Mimosas, and also on Cheverly Day on May 16th at the wine sales table. May is Poppy Month! Unit 108 will also be handing out poppies at any event we are in attendance.

Meeting Space for Community Nonprofit Groups - Post 108 is offering our office(s) for community nonprofits to use as meeting space. We have large whiteboards for brainstorming and TV/projector for projecting/ connecting electronic devices. Available during normal Dugout bar hours. Email for more information.

Food Truck & Fresh Air - Friday, April 24, 6 p.m. Beer garden style, family-friendly community event with food and drinks available for purchase. Designated picnic table seating in the rear parking lot along with play area for kids. Every FT&FA is a charitable fundraiser for a different goal or need. This month we are raising funds and asking for donations to support at least two children from underprivileged homes to be able to join and fully participate in our BSA Pack/Troop 257. Family Scouting has great opportunities for kids to learn skills and build character but it can be cost prohibitive for many. Help us extend that opportunity to others in our community.

Membership Eligibility

Eligible military service consists of serving at least one day in the armed forces and having a honorable discharge or still being in the military. Family members of an eligible military service member may join too. Visit Post 108 or email CheverlyAmericanLegion@gmail.com for more information.

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Ward 3: Nicole Bryner	301-892-6384
Ward 4: Kayce Simmons Munyeneh	240-478-4077
Ward 5: Jenny Garcia	240-604-1081
Ward 6: Amy Fry	301-678-3796

Town Administrator:	Dylan Galloway	301-773-8360
Public Works Director:	Steve Brayman	301-773-2666
Police Chief:	Jarod Towers	301-341-1055

Town Offices Hours	M-F, 9AM-5PM
Town Hall	301-773-8360
Police Headquarters Hours	M-F, 7AM-7PM Sat, 8AM-4PM
Police Headquarters	301-341-1055
Code Compliance	240-770-7647
Photo Enforcement	240-770-7641
Public Works Hours	M-F, 7:30AM-4PM
Public Works	301-773-2666
Maryland Relay	711
FAX	301-773-0173
Police Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	301-352-1200
Website: www.cheverly-md.gov	
Email "Contact The Town" button on the Website	

**POSTAL CUSTOMER
CARRIER ROUTE
CHEVERLY, MD 20785**

The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or sexual orientation.. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) & wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 301-773-8360, or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thurs	April 9, 2020	8:00 p.m.	Town Meeting
Thurs	April 23, 2020	7:30 p.m.	Worksession
Thurs	May 14, 2020	8:00 p.m.	Town Meeting
Thurs	May 28, 2020	7:30 p.m.	Worksession

CHEVERLY WEBSITE www.cheverly-md.gov

You can easily contact the Mayor & Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor & Council pages of the website.

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COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ◆ Monday, April 6, 2020
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee - Large Conf. Rm
- ◆ Friday, April 10, 2020
Girls State Candidate Deadline
- ◆ Wed., April 15, 2020
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Ethics Commission
- ◆ Sat., April 18, 2020
10 a.m. Cheverly Green Infrastructure Workshop
- ◆ Monday, April 20, 2020
7:00 p.m. Garden Club Meeting
- ◆ Friday, April 24, 2020
6:00 p.m. Cheverly American Legion
- ◆ Saturday, May 16, 2020
Cheverly Day
- ◆ Sunday, May 31, 2020
Recreation Council Scholarship Deadline